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SUBJECT: JOINT TALKS ON MALTA NEUTRALITY GUARANTEE:
FURTHER QUAI COMMENT

REF: PARIS 17993

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS HAS
OFFERED US FOLLOWING BRIEF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON
MALTESE TEXTS (REFTEL) WHICH WE REPORT FOR COMPLETE-
NESS' SAKE.

2. RE DURATION, MALTESE FOUGHT HARD FOR INDEFINITE
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VALIDITY OF DECLARATIONS. FRENCH AND ITALIANS FIRST
INSISTED ON TWO YEARS' DURATION, THEN COMPROMISED WITH
THE MALTESE ON FOUR YEARS, AS TEXTS NOW STATE.

3. PLAISANT FURTHER EXPLAINED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT
PARA 6 OF THE "GUARANTORS' TEXT" WAS INTENDED AS AD-
DITIONAL SAFEQUARD AGAINST ANY RADICAL CHANGES IN

MALTA'S POLITICAL ORIENTATION IN THE FUTURE. IN SUCH A CASE, (I.E., AS PLAISANT PUT IT, IF MALTA SHOULD TURN INTO A LITTLE CUBA), A SIGNATORY WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM HIS COMMITMENTS AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH MALTA.

4. RE PARA 2E OF THE PROPOSED MALTESE DECLARATION (AND OUR COMMENT THEREON IN PARA 12 REFTEL) PLAISANT SAID THAT THE PHRASEOLOGY CONCERNING MILITARY VESSELS PREVIOUSLY PUT IN A "STATE OF NON-COMBAT" WAS SUGGESTED BY FRENCH AND ITALIAN NAVY EXPERTS BACKSTOPPING THE TALKS, WHO ADVISED THAT A STATE OF "NON-COMBAT HAD A FAIRLY PRECISE MEANING IN NAVAL PARLANCE, AND WAS PREFERABLE FROM WESTERN POINT OF VIEW TO "DISARMED," WHICH FRENCH AND ITALIAN FONOFF REPS HAD FIRST PROPOSED. PLAISANT ADDED THAT ON THIS POINT HE HIMSELF WAS OUT OF HIS DEPTH.

5. LASTLY, PLAISANT NOTED THAT THE CURRENT REVIEW OF THE TWO TEXTS BY QUAI TECHNICIANS HAD UNCOVERED A "FEW IMPERFECTIONS" EVEN THOUGH THE QUAI REMAINED GENERALLY VERY SATISFIED WITH THE TEXTS. STRAIGHTENING THEM OUT WILL REQUIRE SOME FURTHER EXCHANGES. PLAISANT DID NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT A THIRD ROUND OF FRENCH-ITALIAN-MALTESE TALKS WOULD BE NEEDED.

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6. OTHERWISE, PLAISANT ONLY CONFIRMED MAIN POINTS REFTEL.
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